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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to child sexual abuse and sexual assault
2 awareness and prevention.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.9, subsection 46, paragraph a, Code
2 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Develop and make available to school districts,
4 examples of age-appropriate, developmentally appropriate, and
5 research-based materials and lists of resources which parents
6 may use to teach their children to recognize unwanted physical
7 and verbal sexual advances, to not make unwanted physical and
8 verbal sexual advances, to effectively reject unwanted sexual
9 advances, that it is wrong to take advantage of or exploit
10 another person, about the dangers of sexual exploitation by
11 means of the internet including specific strategies to help
12 students protect themselves and their personally identifiable
13 information from such exploitation, and about counseling,
14 medical, and legal resources available to survivors of sexual
15 abuse and sexual assault, including resources for escaping
16 violent relationships. The materials and resources shall cover
17 child sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention,
18 verbal, physical, and visual sexual harassment, including
19 nonconsensual sexual advances, and nonconsensual physical
20 sexual contact. In developing the materials and resource list,
21 the director shall consult with entities that shall include
22 but not be limited to the departments of human services,
23 public health, and public safety, education stakeholders,
24 and parent-teacher organizations. School districts shall
25 provide age-appropriate, developmentally appropriate, and
26 research-based materials and a list of available community and
27 internet-based resources to parents at registration and shall
28 also include the age-appropriate, developmentally appropriate,
29 and research-based materials and resource list in the student
30 handbook. School districts are encouraged to work with their
31 communities to provide voluntary parent education sessions to
32 provide parents with the skills and appropriate strategies
33 to teach their children as described in [this subsection](#).
34 School districts shall incorporate the age-appropriate,
35 developmentally appropriate, and research-based materials

1 into relevant curricula and shall reinforce with parents and
2 students the importance of preventive measures when reasonable
3 ~~with parents and students.~~

4 Sec. 2. Section 256.9, subsection 46, Code 2017, is amended
5 by adding the following new paragraph:

6 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Seek and use funds available to the
7 department under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education
8 Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. §6301 et seq., as amended by the federal
9 Every Student Succeeds Act, Pub. L. No. 114-95, Tit. II,
10 §§2001-2104, and Tit. IV, §§4001-4101, to provide to school
11 districts with approved applications for allocations from
12 such funds training for school district personnel, including
13 teachers, principals, other school leaders, specialized
14 instructional support personnel, and para-educators, regarding
15 how to prevent and recognize child sexual abuse and regarding
16 child sexual abuse awareness and prevention programs or
17 activities, such as programs or activities designed to provide
18 age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate instruction
19 for students in child sexual abuse awareness and prevention,
20 including how to recognize child sexual abuse and how to safely
21 report child sexual abuse, and to provide information for
22 parents and guardians of students about child sexual abuse
23 awareness and prevention, including how to recognize child
24 sexual abuse and how to discuss child sexual abuse with a
25 child.

26 Sec. 3. Section 272.2, Code 2017, is amended by adding the
27 following new subsection:

28 NEW SUBSECTION. 20. Adopt rules establishing that
29 continuing education requirements for issuance, renewal, or
30 upgrade of a license may include participating in or presenting
31 at in-service training programs on child sexual abuse and
32 sexual assault awareness and prevention.

33 Sec. 4. Section 279.50, Code 2017, is amended by adding the
34 following new subsection:

35 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. The human growth and development

1 child sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention.

2 The director is also directed to seek and use funds available
3 to the department under the federal Elementary and Secondary
4 Education Act of 1965, as amended by the federal Every
5 Student Succeeds Act, Pub. L. No. 114-95, to provide to school
6 districts with approved applications for allocations from such
7 funds training for school district personnel regarding child
8 sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness.

9 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
10 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
11 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
12 district from state school foundation aid received by the
13 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
14 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate
15 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
16 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the
17 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
18 mandates included in the bill.